

FISCAL NOTE
SB 2344 - HB 2223

February 10, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires local education agencies (LEAs) that are subject to TCA 49-6-1301(a) (counties with teen birth rates of 19.5 per 1,000 or above) to develop and offer an elective two-hour *capstone* class to be jointly attended and evaluated by students and students' parents/guardians. The class is to be offered at a time to accommodate work schedules of parents/guardians, whether day or evening.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures*- \$67,605

Estimate assumes:

- LEAs within counties with teen birth rates higher than 19.5 per 1,000 are required to offer family life instruction; 90 counties meet this criteria. These counties include 131 LEAs and 1,525 schools comprise these LEAs.
- Fifty percent or 762 of these schools could consolidate classes, depending on their proximity to each other and the convenience to the students and parents, rather than having one class at each school.
- The *capstone* class would be offered at least once per semester, outside the regular school day.
- The extra compensation required of teachers is assumed to be the average teacher salary per hour. The 1998-99 school report card shows an average teacher salary of \$35,490.
- Any additional building operation costs (utilities) are not included in the cost calculation.
- Funding for this class is outside the BEP funding formula and is the sole responsibility of the LEAs.

Calculations are as follows:

Number of teachers required = 762

Average hourly salary = \$22.18

Cost of one two-hour class = \$44.36

Annual cost for each LEA (1 class per semester) = \$88.72

Annual cost statewide = \$88.72 x 762 = \$67,605

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director